

Youth Sent to State Hospital For Psychiatric Observation

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WEAVERVILLE, (Trinity County), Feb. 23—Daryl Moss, 15 an honor student considered by many a model youth, sobbed silently in court today in his first show o f emotion since he killed his parents.

The tearful display came after Judge Harold Underwood bound over the youth to Juvenile Court after hearing next Tuesday. He was ordered taken to Mendocino State Hospital for psychiatric examination.

After the judge left the court, Marlene Moss, 21-year-old Brigham Young University student, ran across the courtroom and threw her arms around her brother, asking him to talk to her. He sobbed, and she wept loudly.

The youth shot and killed his father and mother early yesterday with a .22-caliber rifle, beat a pretty young woman boarder in his home in Lewiston, with another rifle, then left with \$438 belonging to his Boy Scout troop and to a church of which his father, Veril Moss, 45, was an elder.

Arrested an hour later in Redding, Daryl confessed calmly, ate a big breakfast and then went to sleep.

At Shasta County Juvenile Hall where he was held until this morning, officers said he appeared unremorseful and slept soundly last night.

Jean Ann Taylor, 20, the girl who lives with the Moss family and was beaten over

the head by Daryl, was recovering today at Trinity County General Hospital.

Her head swathed in bandages, she said she couldn't understand Daryl's sudden violence.

"He was like a brother to me," she said. "He's so likable and easy to get along with."

Daryl was popular at Weaverville High School and in the community of Lewiston where they lived, the father an engineer employed by the Bureau of Reclamation and working on Trinity Dam.

Daryl was good at sports, an Explorer Scout and president of the sophomore class at Weaverville High.

"When he got his football letter," Miss Taylor said, "his father said, 'you didn't earn it.' It made me mad inside. He and his father didn't get along. They didn't fight but they never had any father-son conversations.

"I often wondered why Daryl's father didn't compliment him instead of all this criticizing."

Sheriff Harold Wilson said Daryl told him yesterday that

Psychiatrists To Examine Young Slayer

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WEAVERVILLE, Feb. 24—

(S)—Daryl (Moss) has been taken to Mendocino State Hospital where psychiatrists will try to discover why the 15-year-old killed his parents.

Sheriff's deputies said Daryl still showed no signs of remorse for shooting his father, Veril Moss, 45, and mother, Lois Elizabeth Moss, 44, in their beds at nearby Lewiston.

Daryl, an Explorer Scout and president of his sophomore high school class, sobbed silently when his sister threw her arms around him in court yesterday.

The admissions officer at Mendocino State Hospital, Dr. Parry Hook, said Daryl's habit of dyeing his hair "is unusual enough to make me wonder about his emotional condition."

The psychiatrist said it would be possible to speculate that Daryl may have been subconsciously confused over whether he was a boy or a girl.

Daryl will be returned here following psychological probing at Mendocino State Hospital.

Slayer of Parents Faces Court Trial

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WEAVERVILLE, March 3—Fifteen-year-old Daryl Moss stood silently in Justice Court yesterday when March 15 was set for his arraignment on charges of killing his mother and father with a rifle.

Then he was taken back to a juvenile home in Redding where he has been since the Feb. 22 slaying of his father, Veril, 45, and his mother, Lois Elizabeth, 44, at Lewiston.

he hated his father and didn't like his mother, Mrs. Lois Elizabeth Moss, 44.

"We just couldn't get along," Daryl said.

A brother, Wayne, 19, visited Daryl at the juvenile hall yesterday. Daryl refused to see him.

TR 5C FEB 26, 1961 Scout to Be Tried For Murder as Adult

WEAVERVILLE, Feb. 26—

Dist. Atty. Donald E. Kennedy said today that Daryl Moss, 15, the Explorer Scout who killed his parents, probably will be tried for murder as an adult.

Kennedy said he will demand that the model youth be certified to Superior Court for trial at a Juvenile Court hearing Tuesday.

Psychiatrists examined the boy at Mendocino State Hospital but declined to make their findings public.

Judge Finds Youth Guilty In Murder of Parents

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WEAVERVILLE, May 8—In a courtroom empty except for a few relatives and lawmen, 15-year-old Daryl Moss was assigned today to the State Department of Corrections for the murder last Feb. 22 of his Mormon parents, formerly of Logan, Utah.

The trial without jury before Superior Judge Harold Underwood was conducted without apparent interest from townspeople.

Mr. and Mrs. Veril Moss

were shot to death with a rifle at their Lewiston home. Authorities said the boy was disturbed by his father's habit of tapping his fingers on a table and whistling softly while watching television programs.

Young Moss had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. But his lawyer today stipulated that the boy had done the shooting and Judge Underwood found him guilty of first degree murder for killing his father and second degree for shooting his mother.

Model High School Youth Kills Parents

WEAVERVILLE, Feb. 22—(S)—A 15-year-old boy, president of the sophomore class at Weaverville High School, killed his parents early today.

Sheriff Harold Wilson of Trinity County said blond, bespectacled Daryl Moss also shot at a young woman who lived with his family. He missed but then hit her over her head with a rifle.

Wilson said the boy then took \$24 belonging to his Boy Scout troop and more than \$400 of church funds his father had been entrusted with and drove away in the family car.

Police captured Daryl near Redding less than an hour later, and said he admitted the killings. In the car was a .22-caliber rifle he had used and about 60 cartridges.

SURRENDERS QUIETLY

He surrendered quietly and was questioned at the Redding police station, about 45 miles east of this Northern California town.

"I hated my father," Daryl told Wilson. "We just couldn't get along. I wanted to leave home. He didn't want me to."

Dead at their Lewiston cottage near the site of Trinity Dam were Veril F. Moss, 45, a program engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, and his wife, Lois Elizabeth Moss, 44. Jean Ann Taylor, 20, of Orem, Utah, was in serious condition at Weaverville Hospital.

ELDER IN CHURCH

Undersheriff Leonard Adams said, "we can't understand it. The father was an elder in the Mormon Church. Daryl is the secretary of his troop and an Explorer Scout. They were decent people."

Wilson said Daryl told this story:

"He said he had been planning to kill his father for a week or so and finally decided to do it on Saturday.

"He went into his parents' bedroom shortly after midnight and put the rifle next to his father's head and shot him.

"The mother woke up screaming. The boy slammed his mother with the gun, then shot her."